

The 100% Unofficial
Quick Guide
to the Eurovision Song Contest 2023



for
Commentators, Broadcasters, Media, and Fans

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When a nation lifts up the crystal microphone trophy and the credits roll over the end of a Eurovision Grand Final, it's generally a given that the circus will simply roll on to that country the following year. However, when Ukraine's Kalush Orchestra won in Torino last year with *Stefania*, we knew that, despite two previous successful hostings, we would not be able to convene in Kyiv again in 2023. The still-ongoing conflict battering Ukraine may prevent us from heading there this year, but through the spirit of collaboration and cross-cultural exchange that inspired the creation of the Eurovision Song Contest so many years ago, silver medalists the United Kingdom will be hosting the event on Ukraine's behalf.

While the BBC is leading production, we'll see performances by both British and Ukrainian acts, a roster of hosts that spans both nations, and plenty of off-screen touches that highlight the culture and history of our defending champion. As it's been stated before, this is Ukraine's party and the UK is just hosting it at their house. This year's slogan, "United by Music", has never been so apt.

2023 Host City: Liverpool, United Kingdom

Located on the Mersey estuary, Liverpool is the fifth-largest metropolitan area in the United Kingdom. Established as a borough over 800 years ago, it eventually became a cultural crossroads in the north of England, and a hub of commerce, art, sport, and history.

Liverpool has more listed buildings than any other city in the UK (bar London), and is an architecture buff's playground. For example, its Pier Head area, once the jumping-off point for ship passengers and cargo alike, maintains its beautiful historic architecture while embracing a modern and visitor-friendly vibe; it will be the home of this year's Eurovision Village.

Most first-time visitors to Liverpool know the city as the home of the Merseybeat sound, and it's hard to escape the influence of Beatlemania even more than sixty years after the Fab Four took to the stage at the Cavern Club. What better place to host Eurovision than the city that gave us Gerry & The Pacemakers, the Searchers, Cilla Black, Echo & the Bunnymen, A Flock of Seagulls, OMD, Dead or Alive, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Mel C from the Spice Girls, Atomic Kitten, the Zutons, the Wombats, Ladytron, and countless more? Whether you're into classic rock n' roll, new wave, or the future of pop music, you'll be able to find it here, probably surrounded by a horde of Scousers having the time of their lives.

2023 Venue: Liverpool Arena

Often branded as the M&S Bank Arena, and previously known as the Echo Arena, this year's venue is an 11,000 capacity space that was first opened in early 2008, and expanded in 2012 and 2017.

It's been the site for the MTV Europe Music Awards, the MOBO Awards, and sold-out concerts by artists like Rihanna, Beyoncé, Muse, Kylie Minogue, and Elton John.

2023 Hosts:

Alesha Dixon

First gaining fame as a member of the girl-group Mis-Teeq before striking out on her own as a solo artist, Alesha Dixon has transitioned into a successful career as a television presenter and talent judge. Over the years, she's been seen on *Comic Relief*, *Strictly Come Dancing*, *Your Face Sounds Familiar*, and editions of the *Got Talent* franchise in the UK, Australia, and the United States.

Hannah Waddingham

Hannah Waddingham's career started with successful stints as a leading lady on both West End and Broadway stages, with critically-lauded roles in *Spamalot*, *A Little Night Music*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Into the Woods*, leading to a trio of Olivier Award nominations. Following a turn as Septa Unella on *Game of Thrones* and a recurring role on *Sex Education*, Waddingham's big international breakthrough came with her role as Rebecca Welton on *Ted Lasso*, which has garnered her an Emmy award for Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy.

Julia Sanina

Best known to Eurovision fans as the lead singer of the band The Hardkiss, which narrowly missed out on Ukraine's ticket to Eurovision in 2016, Julia Sanina is one of the most recognizable women in the Ukrainian music scene today. The Hardkiss has won multiple YUNA Awards and were nominated for an MTV Europe Music Award as well. Julia has also been a judge on *X Factor Ukraine*.

Graham Norton

Joining the three co-hosts for the Grand Final and doing double-duty as the BBC's television commentator at the same time, Graham Norton has been the UK's voice at Eurovision since 2009. He got his start as a standup performer before moving over to the BBC in the early 2000s. His signature program, *The Graham Norton Show*, premiered in 2007, and he's been seen as a recurring judge on *RuPaul's Drag Race UK*, *The British Academy Television Awards*, *Children in Need*, and many, many more. In addition to all of this, he also helms weekend shows on Virgin Radio UK.



Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Albina & Familja Kelmendi
Title	Duje
Title (English)	"Love It"
Language	Albanian
Composers	Music: Enis Mullaj / Lyrics: Eriona Rushtiti

Artist Profile	Albina Kelmendi was the runner-up in the 2014 edition of <i>The Voice of Albania</i> , but she had been performing with her family since childhood. In Liverpool, she'll be joined by her parents Bujar and Albana, brother Albin, and sisters Sidorela and Vesa.
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Song Description	<i>Duje</i> is an impassioned plea for families to stay united and connected to their roots, as well as each other, in spite of time, distance, or disagreement.
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Selection Process	The first national final of the season was Albania's <i>Festival i Këngës</i> which took place in December. While the winner of Fik was <i>Evita</i> by Elsa Lila, a separate public vote selected runner-up <i>Duje</i> as Albania's entry at Eurovision.
Date Selected	22 nd December 2022 (revamp released 10th March 2023)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2004
Years Competed	2004 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	20
Best Position	5 th (2012)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Ronela Hajati / <i>Sekret</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 12th place in the Semifinal

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Brunette
Title	<i>Future Lover</i>
Language	English, Armenian
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Brunette

Artist Profile	Brunette (real name Elen Yeremyan) has been writing music since the age of fifteen, and released her debut single <i>Love the Way You Feel</i> in 2019 with the Nvak Foundation, the same organisation that supported Rosa Linn in her early career. She's recorded as a soloist, as well as member of the girl group En Aghjknery.
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Song Description	Going from sweet and wistful to bombastic and powerful, <i>Future Lover</i> is a love letter to a partner who she hasn't met yet. It also delves into the anxieties and fears that come with waiting for the perfect mate to come into one's life.
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Selection Process	AMPTV opted for an internal selection for the 2023 Contest.
Date Artist Announced	1 February
Date Song Released	15 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2006
Years Competed	2006 – 2012, 2013-2020, 2022-2023
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	16
Best Position	4 th (2014)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Rosa Linn / <i>Snap</i>
Finishing Position	20th place in the Grand Final

Australia

Semifinal 2, Song 16

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Voyager
Title	<i>Promise</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Voyager (Alex Canion, Ashley Doodkorte, Daniel Estrin, Scott Kay, Simone Dow)

Artist Profile	Perth-based prog-metal band Voyager has been rocking out since 1999, and have been actively trying to represent Australia at Eurovision since the nation's debut. They came in second place in last year's National Final with the song <i>Dreamer</i> .
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Song Description	A soaring and anthemic rock song brimming with guitar riffs and keytars, <i>Promise</i> will be a high-energy way to close out the second Semifinal.
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Selection Process	Following a few years of National Finals, broadcaster SBS selected Voyager and <i>Promise</i> internally.
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Date Artist & Song Revealed	21 February
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Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2015
Years Competed	2015 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	9
Best Position	2 nd (2016)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Sheldon Riley / <i>Not the Same</i>
Finishing Position	15th place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Teya and Salena
Title	<i>Who the Hell is Edgar?</i>
Language	English (with a repeated Italian phrase)
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Pele Lorian, Ronald Janeček, Selina Maria Erbauer, Teodora Spiric

Artist Profile	Teodora "Teya" Špirić and Selina-Maria Edbauer met during their participation in the show <i>Starmania</i> back in 2021. Teya has been in the running to represent both Austria and Serbia at Eurovision in 2020, and Salena had submitted a song to ORF in 2019.
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Song Description	On the surface, this is an eclectic pop song about a songwriter who's been possessed by the ghost of Edgar Allen Poe, but it's actually a pretty biting look at the lack of recognition of female songwriters, and the lack of financial support that artists receive from the modern music industry.
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Selection Process	Both the artists and the song were internally selected by ORF.
Date Artists Announced	31 January
Date Song Revealed	8 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957-1968, 1971-1972, 1976-1997, 1999-2000, 2002-2005, 2007, 2011 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	56
Best Position	1 st (1966, 2014)
Host Venue	Vienna 1967, Vienna 2015

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Lumix feat. Pia Maria / <i>Halo</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 15th place in the Semifinal

Azerbaijan

Semifinal 1, Song 12

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	TuralTuranX
Title	Tell Me More
Language	English
Composers	Music: Nihad Aliyev, Tunar Teghiyev, Tural Baghmanov, Turan Baghmanov / Lyrics: Tural Baghmanov, Turan Baghmanov

Artist Profile	Twin brothers Tural and Turan Baghmanov come from the town of Zaqatala, near the borders with Russia and Georgia. The two moved to Baku and founded the band TheRedJungle, and also performed as street musicians.
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Song Description	With influences from Britpop of the 1960s and '70s, <i>Tell Me More</i> feels perfectly suited to a performance in Liverpool
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Selection Process	Both the act and the song were internally selected by İTV.
Date Artist Announced	9 March
Date Song Revealed	13 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2008
Years Competed	2008 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	16
Best Position	1 st (2011)
Host Venue	Baku 2012

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Nadir Rustamli / <i>Fade to Black</i>
Finishing Position	16th place in the Grand Final

Belgium

Semifinal 2, Song 5

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Gustaph
Title	<i>Because of You</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Gustaph, Jauad Alloui

Artist Profile	Stef Caers, better known as Gustaph, is no stranger to the Eurovision stage. He's been a backing singer for Sennek in 2018 and Hooverphonic in 2021. He had a hit on the Flemish charts in 2000, but he's also a vocal coach and an educator at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Ghent.
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Song Description	<i>Because of You</i> is a hands-in-the-air, unabashedly joyful dance track about finding strength in the people you love.
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Selection Process	Seven artists presented two songs each over a series of "Songclub" shows, and after hearing feedback from the other contestants selected one of those songs to be up for consideration at the National Final. A winner was selected through a public televote and the input of a jury.
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Date Selected	14 January
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Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1993, 1995-1996, 1998-2000, 2000 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	65
Best Position	1 st (1986)
Host Venue	Brussels 1987

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Jérémie Makiese / <i>Miss You</i>
Finishing Position	19th place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Let 3
Title	Mama ŠČ!
Title (English)	"Mum ŠČ!"
Language	Croatian
Composers	Music: Damir Martinović Mrle, Zoran Prodanović / Lyrics: Damir Martinović Mrle

Artist Profile	Let 3 ('Flight 3' in English) have been the bad-boys of the Croatian punk scene since their founding in 1987. Since then, they've recorded ten studio albums (including one with no tracks on it, entitled 'Unheard'), have a slew of local awards, and were arrested for performing nude at a concert.
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Song Description	This hard-hitting, thinly-veiled metaphor for the war in Ukraine invokes images of tractors, crocodiles, and sheer chaos.
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Selection Process	<i>Dora 2023</i> was used to select this year's Croatian representative, where a jury and public televote were used to select from the eighteen singers in the running.
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Date Selected	11 February
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Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1993
Years Competed	1993-2013, 2015 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	29
Best Position	4 th (1996, 1999)
Host Venue	Zagreb 1990 (as Yugoslavia)

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Mia Dimšić / <i>Guilty Pleasure</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 11th place in the Semifinal

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Andrew Lambrou
Title	<i>Break a Broken Heart</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Jimmy Jansson, Jimmy "Joker" Thörnfeldt, Marcus Winther-John, Thomas Stengaard

Artist Profile	Australian-born Andrew Lambrou took part in <i>The X Factor</i> back in 2015, and later competed in 2022's edition of <i>Australia Decides</i> , coming in 7th place with the song <i>Electrify</i> .
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Song Description	With soaring vocals, <i>Break a Broken Heart</i> is a powerful anthem to finding strength and resilience after heartache.
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Selection Process	Both the artist and song were internally selected by CyBC.
Date Artist Announced	17 October 2022
Date Song Released	2 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1981
Years Competed	1981-1987, 1989-2000, 2002-2013, 2015-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	41
Best Position	2 nd (2018)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Andromache / <i>Ela</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 12th place in the Semifinal

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Vesna
Title	<i>My Sister's Crown</i>
Language	English, Czech, Ukrainian, Bulgarian
Composers	Music: Adam Albrecht, Michal Jiráň, Patricie Kaňok, Šimon Martínek, Tanita Yankova / Lyrics: Kateryna Vatchenko, Patricie Kaňok, Tanita Yankova
Artist Profile	Six-member folk-pop group Vesna, with members from Czechia, Slovakia, Bulgaria, and Russia, met as students at the Jaroslav Ježek Conservatory in Prague. They released their debut album in 2018, with a second in 2020.
Song Description	With four languages being sung or rapped in this three-minute long song, <i>My Sister's Crown</i> is all about unity against inequality, whether it's based on gender, national origin, or any other division.
Selection Process	ESCZ 2023 brought together five songs and incorporated both a domestic Czech vote as well as an international vote. The voting window was open for a full week.
Date Selected	7 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2009, 2015-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	12
Best Position	6 th (2018)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	We Are Domi / <i>Lights Off</i>
Finishing Position	22nd place in the Grand Final

Denmark

Semifinal 2, Song 1

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Reiley
Title (Danish)	<i>Breaking My Heart</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Bård Bonsaksen, Hilda Stenmalm, Rani Petersen, Sivert Hjeltnes Hagtvet
Artist Profile	Rani Petersen, better known as Reiley, is the first known singer from the Faroe Islands to sing at Eurovision. He released his first single in 2021, and has a massive following on social media worldwide.
Song Description	<i>Breaking My Heart</i> is a modern electro-pop song, heavy on vocal effects, about the mixed feelings that come with an on-again, off-again relationship.
Selection Process	<i>Dansk Melodi Grand Prix 2023</i> brought eight songs together in a National Final, with three songs progressing to a Superfinal.
Date Selected	11 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957-1966, 1968-1993, 1995, 1997, 1999-2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	52
Best Position	1 st (1963, 2000, 2013)
Host Venue	Copenhagen 1964, Copenhagen 2001, Copenhagen 2014

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Reddi / <i>The Show</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 13th place in the Semifinal

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Alika
Title	Bridges
Language	English
Composers	Music: Alika Milova, Wouter Hardy / Lyrics: Alika Milova, Nina Sampermans, Wouter Hardy
Artist Profile	Alika was the winner of the 2021 series of <i>Eesti otsib superstaari</i> , the local edition of <i>Idol</i> . She's also taken part in a number of musical festivals throughout the region since childhood.
Song Description	<i>Bridges</i> is a classic, elegant piano ballad, co-written by Arcade composer Wouter Hardy. It touches on themes of admitting wrongdoing, returning to a path of forgiveness, and beginning again.
Selection Process	Estonia used its national final <i>Eesti Laul</i> to make its selection. Two ten-song semifinals lead to a twelve-song grand final. Three superfinalists were determined by a 50% jury and 50% public televote split. From those three songs, the public voted again to choose its winner.
Date Selected	11 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994, 1996 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	29
Best Position	1 st (2001)
Host Venue	Tallinn 2002

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Stefan / <i>Hope</i>
Finishing Position	13th place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Käärijä
Title	<i>Cha Cha Cha</i>
Language	Finnish
Composers	Music: Aleksi Nurmi, Johannes Naukkarinen / Lyrics: Aleksi Nurmi, Jere Pöyhönen, Johannes Naukkarinen
Artist Profile	Jere Pöyhönen, better known as Käärijä, is a singer, songwriter, and rapper from Vantaa. After a 2018 EP, he released his first studio album in 2020.
Song Description	<i>Cha Cha Cha</i> blends rap, electronica, and even a touch of schlager into a high-energy ode to blowing off steam and knocking back a few (dozen) drinks.
Selection Process	<i>Uuden Musiikin Kilpailu 2023</i> brought together seven acts, with the winner being decided via an international jury and a public televote.
Date Selected	25 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1961
Years Competed	1961-1969, 1971-1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	57
Best Position	1 st (2006)
Host Venue	Helsinki 2007

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	The Rasmus / <i>Jezebel</i>
Finishing Position	21st place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	La Zarra
Title (French)	Évidemment
Title (English)	"Evidently"
Language	French
Composers	Music: Banx & Ranx, Benny Adam, La Zarra / Lyrics: Benny Adam, La Zarra

Artist Profile	Fatima Zahra Hafdi, also known as La Zarra, is a Montreal-born singer and songwriter whose big break in France came with the release of her 2021 hit single <i>Tu t'en iras</i> . Winner of the 2022 SOCAN and Félix Awards for Revelation of the year, she is only the second Canadian singer to represent France, following Natasha St-Pier in 2001.
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Song Description	Starting off as a classic <i>chanson</i> and morphing into a modern disco banger, <i>Évidemment</i> seems to bridge the gap between Edith Piaf and Lady Gaga.
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Selection Process	France Télévisions opted for a fully internal selection this year.
Date Artist Announced	12 January
Date Song Released	19 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1973, 1975-1981, 1983 - present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	66
Best Position	1 st (1958, 1960, 1962, 1969, 1977)
Host Venue	Cannes 1959, Cannes 1961, Paris 1978

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Alvan and Ahez / <i>Fulenn</i>
Finishing Position	24th place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Iru
Title	Echo
Language	English
Composers	Music: George Kukhianidze / Lyrics: Beni Kadagidze, Iru Khechanovi

Artist Profile	Iru Khechanovi was a member of the group Candy, who took the victory at Junior Eurovision 2011 with the song <i>Candy Music</i> . Since then, she took part in <i>Georgian Idol</i> (the selection process for Eurovision 2019) and co-wrote Mariam Bigvava's song <i>I Believe</i> for Junior Eurovision 2022.
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Song Description	Co-written by three-time Junior Eurovision-winning songwriter Giga Kukhianidze, <i>Echo</i> is an anthem to the all-encompassing power of love.
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Selection Process	Georgia selected its singer through the fifth season of <i>The Voice Georgia</i> , and the winning singer's song was then tailor-made for them.
Date Artist Selected	2 February
Date Song Released	16 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2008, 2010-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	16
Best Position	9 th (2010, 2011)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Circus Mircus / <i>Lock Me In</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 18th place in the Semifinal

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Lord of the Lost
Title	<i>Blood & Glitter</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Chris Harms, Rupert Keplinger / Lyrics: Anthony J. Brown, Chris Harms, Pi Stoffers, Rupert Keplinger

Artist Profile	Formed in 2007, Lord of the Lost bridges industrial, gothic, and electronic metal, while still being accessible. Their eighth studio album, also called <i>Blood & Glitter</i> , hit the top of the German charts in December.
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Song Description	<i>Blood & Glitter</i> is exactly what it says on the tin: a slice of gothic metal that is both unabashedly badass and still completely glam.
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Selection Process	Eight songs were selected by broadcaster ARD, with a ninth joining the <i>Unser Lied für Liverpool</i> lineup via a TikTok wildcard selection. The winner was selected via a public vote (phone, SMS, and online) as well as a jury vote.
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Date Selected	25 February
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Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1995, 1997-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	67
Best Position	1 st (1982, 2010)
Host Venue	Frankfurt am Main 1957, Munich 1983, Düsseldorf 2011

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Malik Harris / <i>Rockstars</i>
Finishing Position	25th place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Victor Vernicos
Title	<i>What They Say</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Victor Vernicos Jørgensen

Artist Profile	Sixteen year old Victor Vernicos Jørgensen is not only the youngest contestant at Eurovision this year, but he's also the youngest singer that Greece has ever sent to the contest. He writes and produces all of his own music.
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Song Description	<i>What They Say</i> is a pensive, melodic song that touches on the expectations placed on people by both others and themselves.
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Selection Process	Greece broadcaster ERT opted for an internal selection for both artist and song this year.
Date Artist Announced	30 January
Date Song Released	12 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1974
Years Competed	1974, 1976-1981, 1983, 1985, 1987-1998, 2001-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	44
Best Position	1 st (2005)
Host Venue	Athens 2006

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Amanda Tenfjord / <i>Die Together</i>
Finishing Position	8th place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Diljá
Title	Power
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Diljá Pétursdóttir, Pálmi Ragnar Ásgeirsson
Artist Profile	Diljá Pétursdóttir is a relative newcomer to the music scene in Iceland. She took part in <i>Ísland Got Talent</i> in 2015, but has been primarily focusing on her studies in physiotherapy in recent years.
Song Description	<i>Power</i> is an uplifting and danceable track about getting away from a bad situation and finding new-found love strength in oneself.
Selection Process	<i>Söngvakeppnin 2023</i> was made up of two five-song semifinals, leading to a five-song final. From those songs, two proceeded to a superfinal, where a second round of televoting determined the winner.
Date Selected	4 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1986
Years Competed	1986-1997, 1999-2001, 2003-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	36
Best Position	2 nd (1999, 2009)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Systur / <i>Með hækkandi sól</i>
Finishing Position	23rd place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Wild Youth
Title	We Are One
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Conor O'Donohoe, Edward Porter, Jörgen Elofsson

Artist Profile	Indie-rock band Wild Youth have been performing together since 2016, and have released a number of hits on the Irish market since. They've also toured with Westlife, Zara Larson, Niall Horan, and Lewis Capaldi.
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Song Description	<i>We Are One</i> is an anthemic and uplifting pop rock song about embracing each other's differences and rising stronger together despite any past failures.
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Selection Process	On a special episode of <i>The Late Late Show, Eurosong 2023</i> pitted six acts against each other. The winner was determined by a public televote, an international jury, and an Irish jury.
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Date Selected	3 February
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Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1965
Years Competed	1965-1982, 1984-2001, 2003 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	57
Best Position	1 st (1970, 1980, 1987, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996)
Host Venue	Dublin 1971, Dublin 1981, Dublin 1988, Millstreet 1993, Dublin 1994, Dublin 1995, Dublin 1997

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Brooke / <i>That's Rich</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 15th place in the Semifinal

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Noa Kirel
Title	<i>Unicorn</i>
Language	English, Hebrew
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Doron Medalie, May Sfadia, Noa Kirel, Yinon Yahel

Artist Profile	Noa Kirel has been releasing music since 2015, and has clocked up a number of hits on the Israeli charts since then. She's won the MTV Europe Music Award for "Best Israeli Artist" every year since 2017.
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Song Description	<i>Unicorn</i> channels a sense of defiance, independence, and femininity into a powerful bop that culminates with a high-energy dance break.
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Selection Process	Israeli broadcaster KAN selected Noa Kirel and her song internally.
Date Artist Announced	10 August 2022
Date Song Revealed	8 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1973
Years Competed	1973-1979, 1981-1983, 1985-1993, 1995-1996, 1998-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	46
Best Position	1 st (1978, 1979, 1998, 2018)
Host Venue	Jerusalem 1979, Jerusalem 1999, Tel Aviv 2019

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Michael Ben David / <i>I.M.</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 13th place in the Semifinal

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Marco Mengoni
Title (Italian)	<i>Due Vite</i>
Title (English)	"Two Lives"
Language	Italian
Composers	Music: Davide Petrella & Davide Simonetta / Lyrics: Davide Petrella & Marco Mengoni

Artist Profile	Marco Mengoni is one of Eurovision 2023's returning artists, having previously represented Italy at the 2013 contest with <i>L'essenziale</i> , which finished in seventh place. His career was launched in 2009 with his victory on <i>X Factor</i> , and he's released seven successful studio albums since then.
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Song Description	<i>Due Vite</i> is an emotional, lyrical ballad about the ups and downs (mostly the downs) of a long term relationship.
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Selection Process	Marco Mengoni, as the winner of the <i>Sanremo Music Festival</i> (the contest on which the Eurovision Song Contest is based) was given the first option to represent Italy at Eurovision.
Date Selected	11 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1980, 1983-1985, 1987-1993, 1997, 2011-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	49
Best Position	1 st (1964, 1990, 2022)
Host Venue	Naples 1965, Rome 1991

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Mahmood & Blanco / <i>Brividi</i>
Finishing Position	6th place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Sudden Lights
Title (Latvian))	Aijā
Title (English)	"Hush"
Language	English (with a phrase in Latvian)
Composers	Music: Andrejs Reinis Zītmanis, Kārlis Maģis Zītmanis, Kārlis Vārtniš, Mārtiņš Maģis Zemītis / Lyrics: Andrejs Reinis Zītmanis

Artist Profile	Alt-rock band Sudden Lights formed in 2012, and they've been recording music in both English and Latvian since then. They previously took part in the Latvian National Final in 2018, and have also opened for Latvian rock legends Brainstorm on tour.
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Song Description	<i>Aijā</i> is a song of hope, attempting to bring a bit of comfort to an all-too-dark world. The intimate song channels a modern indie sound, but uses the theme of a lullabye.
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Selection Process	Latvia's popular <i>Supernova</i> national final started with fourteen songs, which were winnowed down to a ten-song Final. The winner was selected by a public vote and a professional jury.
Date Selected	11 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2000
Years Competed	2000-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	24
Best Position	1 st (2002)
Host Venue	Riga 2003

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Citi Zēni / <i>Eat Your Salad</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 14th place in the Semifinal

Lithuania

Semifinal 2, Song 15

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Monika Linkytė
Title	Stay
Language	English (with a repeated phrase in Lithuanian)
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Kristis Indrišonoks & Monika Linkytė

Artist Profile	Monika Linkytė returns to the Eurovision stage following her 2015 duet with Vaidas Baumila, <i>This Time</i> . She's been releasing music in both English and Lithuanian since 2010, and her debut album, <i>Walk With Me</i> , was awarded top honours at the Lithuanian Music Association of the Year Awards.
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Song Description	<i>Stay</i> is all about hitting the reset button, releasing pent-up negativity and letting yourself heal from past hurt. The repeated refrain "Čiūto tūto" comes from traditional folk music and incantations.
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Selection Process	<i>Pabandom iš naujo! 2023</i> brought together thirty songs in two heats, two semifinals, and eventually a ten-song Final. The winner was determined by a public televote and a professional jury, with a tie this year broken by the jury.
Date Selected	18 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994, 1999, 2001-2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	24
Best Position	6 th (2006)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Monika Liu / <i>Sentimentai</i>
Finishing Position	14th place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	The Busker
Title	<i>Dance (Our Own Party)</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music: David "Dav. Jr" Meilak, Jean Paul Borg, Matthew James Borg, Micheal Joe Cini, Sean Meachen / Lyrics: David "Dav. Jr" Meliak
Artist Profile	Formed in 2012 and with two albums and an EP released, The Busker, true to their name, originally started as street musicians.
Song Description	Ever-so-applicable in a post-Covid world, the funky and soulful <i>Dance (Our Own Party)</i> is all about recognizing social anxiety and allowing yourself to have more low-key, chilled out fun on your own terms.
Selection Process	Following a public submission, a total of forty songs were selected for this year's <i>Malta Eurovision Song Contest</i> . After three heats and a semifinal, a top 16 competed in the Final, where the winner was chosen via a jury vote and public televote.
Date Selected	11 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1971
Years Competed	1971-1972, 1974-1976, 1990-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	36
Best Position	2 nd (2002, 2005)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Emma Muscat / <i>I Am What I Am</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 16th place in the Semifinal

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Pasha Parfeni
Title (Romanian)	Soarele și luna
Title (English)	"The Sun and the Moon"
Language	Romanian
Composers	Music: Andrei Vulpe, Cătălin Temciuc, Pasha Parfeni / Lyrics: Yuliana Parfeni

Artist Profile	Pasha Parfeni is another returning artist at this year's Eurovision, having represented Moldova with the song <i>Lăutar</i> in 2012, coming in seventh place. He also wrote <i>O mie</i> for Aliona Moon the following year, also coming in seventh.
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Song Description	Blending traditional folk music and themes with a modern pop sound, <i>Soarele și luna</i> is a wedding song that touches on almost mystical ritual.
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Selection Process	Following a live audition round, ten songs took part in <i>Etapa națională 2023</i> . The winner was selected by a jury and public vote.
Date Selected	4 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2005
Years Competed	2005-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	19
Best Position	3 rd (2017)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Zdob și Zdub and Advahov Brothers / <i>Trenulețul</i>
Finishing Position	7th place in the Grand Final

The Netherlands

Semifinal 1, Song 14

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Mia Nicolai and Dion Cooper
Title	<i>Burning Daylight</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Dion Cuiper, Duncan de Moor, Jordan Garfield, Loek van der Grinten, Mia Nicolai
Artist Profile	Mia Nicolai has been releasing music since 2018, and her career has taken her all over the world. Dion Cooper took part in <i>The Voice of Holland</i> in 2015, and was a supporting act for Duncan Laurence's tour.
Song Description	<i>Burning Daylight</i> is an introspective and sensitive song about reevaluating one's place in life, examining one's mental health, and taking the difficult step to move forward into a new chapter in life.
Selection Process	The song and performers were selected internally by broadcaster AVROTROS.
Date Artist Announced	1 November 2022
Date Song Released	1 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1984, 1986-1990, 1992-1994, 1996-2001, 2003-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	64
Best Position	1 st (1957, 1959, 1969, 1975, 2019)
Host Venue	Hilversum 1958, Amsterdam 1970, The Hague 1976, The Hague 1980, Rotterdam 2020, 2021

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	S10 / <i>Die diepte</i>
Finishing Position	11th place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Alessandra
Title	Queen of Kings
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Alessandra Mele, Henning Olerud, Linda Dale, Stanley Fernandez
Artist Profile	Italian-born singer Alessandra, who has roots in Norway, had her breakthrough last year when she competed on <i>The voice Norway</i> .
Song Description	A thumping EDM pop song with plenty of <i>Game of Thrones</i> vibes, <i>Queen of Kings</i> is an ode to self love and empowerment.
Selection Process	Norway's <i>Melodi Grand Prix 2023</i> pit twenty-one songs against each other in three semifinals, leading to a nine-song Final. The winner was selected through an international jury and public televote.
Date Selected	4 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1960
Years Competed	1960-1969, 1971-2001, 2003-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	62
Best Position	1 st (1985, 1995, 2009)
Host Venue	Bergen 1986, Oslo 1996, Bærum 2010

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Subwoolfer / <i>Give That Wolf A Banana</i>
Finishing Position	10th place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Blanka
Title	Solo
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Bartłomiej Rzeczycki, Blanka Stajkow, Maciej Puchalski, Marcin Górecki, Mikołaj Trybulec
Artist Profile	Blanka Stajkow is a model, singer, and influencer who released her first single in her early teens.
Song Description	Seemingly tailor-made for summertime radio, <i>Solo</i> is a sunny pop song about finding yourself at the end of a relationship and realising you were better off on your own.
Selection Process	Broadcaster TVP put together a roster of ten artists to compete in this year's succinctly-titled national Final, <i>Tu bije serce Europy! Wybieramy hit na Eurowizję!</i> The winner was selected via a public televote and a five-member jury.
Date Selected	26 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994-1999, 2001, 2003-2011, 2014-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	26
Best Position	2 nd (1994)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Ochman / <i>River</i>
Finishing Position	12th place in the Grand Final

Portugal

Semifinal 1, Song 5

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Mimicat
Title (Portuguese)	<i>Ai Coração</i>
Title (English)	"Oh Heart"
Language	Portuguese
Composers	Music: Luís Pereira, Marisa Mena / Lyrics: Marisa Mena

Artist Profile	Marisa Mena, also known as Mimicat, first attempted to represent Portugal at Eurovision back in 2001. Now, over twenty years, two albums, and lots of live concert experience later, she takes the stage for her country in Liverpool.
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Song Description	<i>Ai Coração</i> blends soulful vocals, sassy attitude, and a cabaret vibe into a three minute package. Sung in Portuguese, the lyrics tell the story of a woman as she finds herself going absolutely mad with love.
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Selection Process	Twenty songs vied for the <i>Festival da Canção 2023</i> trophy, with two semifinals giving way to an thirteen-song Grand Final. The winner was selected through a public televote and a regional Portuguese jury.
Date Selected	11 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1964
Years Competed	1964-1969, 1971-1999, 2001, 2003-2012, 2014-2015, 2016-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	53
Best Position	1 st (2017)
Host Venue	Lisbon 2018

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Maro / <i>Saudade, saudade</i>
Finishing Position	9th place in the Grand Final

Romania

Semifinal 2, Song 3

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Theodor Andrei
Title	<i>DGT (Off and On)</i>
Language	Romanian, English
Composers	Music: Mikail Jahed & Theodor-Octavian Andrei / Lyrics: Luca De Mezzo, Luca Ștefan Udățeanu, Mikail Jahed, Theodor-Octavian Andrei

Artist Profile	Theodor Andrei is an 18-year-old singer-songwriter from Bucharest, who made a name for himself after appearances on <i>The Voice Kids</i> in 2017 and <i>The X Factor</i> in 2020. He released his debut studio album last year.
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Song Description	Originally released as a duet, the blues-rocky <i>DGT (Off and On)</i> is all about balancing your head, your heart, and your body as you fall in love (or, more likely, lust).
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Selection Process	A dozen songs were in the running for <i>Selecția Națională 2023</i> . The winner was chosen by a public televote and online poll.
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Date Selected	11 February
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Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002-2015, 2017-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	24
Best Position	3 rd (2005, 2010)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	WRS / <i>Llámame</i>
Finishing Position	18th place in the Grand Final

San Marino

Semifinal 2, Song 12

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Piqued Jacks
Title	<i>Like an Animal</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Andrea Lazzeretti, Francesco Bini, Marco Sgaramella, Tommaso Oliveri
Artist Profile	Formed in 2006 in Tuscany, Piqued Jacks have released four studio albums, three LPs, and a slew of singles. They've opened for international acts like Interpol, The Boomtown Rats, and Chevelle.
Song Description	<i>Like an Animal</i> is a sleek, accessible rock song with a driving beat and seductive vibe.
Selection Process	Despite being the smallest nation at Eurovision, <i>Una voce per San Marino 2023</i> was one of the largest national finals of the year, with over 100 artists taking part in four semifinals. After a second chance round, twenty-one songs participated in the Final, with the winner selected by a jury.
Date Selected	25 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2008
Years Competed	2008, 2011-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	14
Best Position	19 th (2019)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Achille Lauro / <i>Stripper</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 14th place in the Semifinal

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Luke Black
Title	<i>Samo mi se spava (Само ми се спава)</i>
Title (English)	"I Just Want to Sleep"
Language	Serbian, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Luke Black

Artist Profile	Luke Black is a singer-songwriter who has been releasing music since 2014. His song <i>Demons</i> was shortlisted to represent Serbia at Eurovision 2016, and he's released three EPs so far.
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Song Description	Written during the height of COVID lockdowns, <i>Samo mi se spava</i> uses an industrial, electropop sound to highlight feelings of isolation and the desire to sleep while the world around you falls into decay.
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Selection Process	Sixteen songs took part in <i>Pesma za Evroviziju '23</i> , with the winner being selected by a public televote and a five-member jury panel.
Date Selected	4 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2013, 2015-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	16
Best Position	1 st (2007)
Host Venue	Belgrade 2008

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Konstrakta / <i>In corpore sano</i>
Finishing Position	5th place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Joker Out
Title	<i>Carpe Diem</i>
Language	Slovene
Composers	Music: Bojan Cvjetičanin, Jan Peteh, Jure Maček, Kris Guštin, Nace Jordan / Lyrics: Bojan Cvjetičanin

Artist Profile	One of Slovenia's biggest current hitmakers, Joker Out formed in 2016 and have released two albums so far. They are currently waiting to see if they'll win their third consecutive Zlata piščal award for Artist of the Year.
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Song Description	Carpe Diem is a classic, upbeat indie-rock track all about throwing your cares away, letting loose, and hitting the dance floor.
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Selection Process	Slovenia chose not to air a National Final this year, opting for a fully internal selection.
Date Artist Announced	8 December 2022
Date Song Selected	4 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1993
Years Competed	1993, 1995-1999, 2001-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	29
Best Position	7 th (1995, 2001)
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	LPS / <i>Disko</i>
Finishing Position	DNQ, 17th place in the Semifinal

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Blanca Paloma
Title	Eaea
Language	Spanish
Composers	Music: Blanca Paloma & Jose Pablo Polo / Lyrics: Álvaro Tato, Blanca Paloma, Jose Pablo Polo
Artist Profile	Born near Alicante, Blanca Paloma Ramos Baeza has a background in theatre, as well as a love of contemporary flamenco. She took part in last year's Benidorm Fest, coming in 5th place with <i>Secreto del agua</i> .
Song Description	<i>Eaea</i> blends flamenco and modern pop in a dramatic, yet often minimalistic ode to her late grandmother.
Selection Process	This year's edition of <i>Benidorm Fest</i> had eighteen songs compete in two semifinals, leading to an eight-song final. The winner was selected through an international jury, a demoscopic jury, and a public televote.
Date Selected	4 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1961
Years Competed	1961 - present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	63
Best Position	1 st (1968, 1969)
Host Venue	Madrid 1969

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Chanel / <i>SloMo</i>
Finishing Position	3rd place in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Loreen
Title	Tattoo
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Jimmy Jansson, Jimmy "Joker" Thörnfeldt, Loreen, Moa "Cazzi Opeia" Carlebecker, Peter Boström, Thomas G:son
Artist Profile	Loreen returns to Eurovision eleven years after taking the 2012 trophy with <i>Euphoria</i> . Since her win, she's released two albums and two EPs, as well as a number of other singles.
Song Description	<i>Tattoo</i> blends a classic message of love with soaring vocals and what is sure to be an impactful staging.
Selection Process	<i>Melodifestivalen 2023</i> brought 28 songs together in a series of four heats, a semifinal repechage, and ultimately a twelve-song final. The winner was selected through an international jury and the televote and app votes from the Swedish public.
Date Selected	11 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1958
Years Competed	1958-1963, 1965-1969, 1971-1975, 1978 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	63
Best Position	1 st (1974, 1984, 1991, 1999, 2012, 2015)
Host Venue	Stockholm 1975, Gothenburg 1985, Malmö 1992, Stockholm 2000, Malmö 2013, Stockholm 2016

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Cornelia Jakobs / <i>Hold Me Closer</i>
Finishing Position	4th place in the Grand Final

Switzerland

Semifinal 1, Song 8

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Remo Forrer
Title	Watergun
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Argyle Singh, Ashley Hicklin, Mikolaj Trybulec

Artist Profile	Remo Forrer is an alum of <i>The Voice of Switzerland</i> , winning the show's third series in 2020.
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Song Description	<i>Watergun</i> is a cry of hope against all of the negative things the youth of the world are currently facing, whether it's war, environmental issues, or political strife.
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Selection Process	The Swiss broadcaster opted for an internal selection for their singer and song.
Date Artist Announced	20 February
Date Song Released	7 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1994, 1996-1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	64
Best Position	1 st (1956, 1988)
Host Venue	Lugano 1956, Lausanne 1989

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Marius Bear / <i>Boys Do Cry</i>
Finishing Position	17th place in the Grand Final

Ukraine

Defending Champion, Automatic Qualifier, Song 19 in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Tvorchi
Title	<i>Heart of Steel</i>
Language	English, Ukrainian
Composers	Music: Jimoh Augustus Kehinde / Lyrics: Andrii Hutsuliak

Artist Profile	Ukraine-born producer Andrii Hutsuliak and Nigerian-born singer Jeffrey Kenny met in 2017 as university students, and have been creating music ever since. They took part in <i>Vidbir 2020</i> with the song <i>Bonfire</i> , coming in 4th place.
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Song Description	With strong allusions to the current conflict in their country, <i>Heart of Steel</i> is about finding your freedom and resilience, despite whatever challenges life may throw at you.
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Selection Process	Held live from a metro station that doubles as a bomb shelter, <i>Vidbir 2023</i> featured ten songs. The winner was decided through a public televote and the votes of a five-member jury.
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Date Selected	17 December 2022
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Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2014, 2016 - 2018, 2020-present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	19
Best Position	1 st (2004, 2016, 2022)
Host Venue	Kyiv 2005, Kyiv 2017

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Kalush Orchestra / <i>Stefania</i>
Finishing Position	1st place in the Grand Final

United Kingdom

Host and Big 5, Automatic Finalist, Song 26 in the Grand Final

Eurovision Song Contest 2023

Artist	Mae Muller
Title	<i>I Wrote a Song</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Karen Poole, Mae Muller, Lewis Thompson

Artist Profile	Londoner Mae Muller is a relative newcomer, but she supported Little Mix on their 2019 tour, and was a featured vocalist on the hit song <i>Better Days</i> with Neiked and Polo G. Her debut album was released in 2019, and she also has three EPs.
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Song Description	<i>I Wrote a Song</i> is a sassy, summery pop hit about channelling all of the anger and hurt of a breakup into being creative, rather than just taking a cricket bat to your ex's car.
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Selection Process	The BBC, in collaboration with TaP music, chose the UK's song and performer internally.
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Date Artist & Song Revealed	9 March
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Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957, 1959 – present
No. of ESC (including 2020 & 2023)	66
Best Position	1 st (1967, 1969, 1976, 1981, 1997)
Host Venue	London 1960, London 1963, London 1968, Edinburgh, 1972, Brighton 1974, London 1977, Harrogate 1982, Birmingham 1998, Liverpool 2023

Eurovision Song Contest 2022

Artist/Song	Sam Ryder / <i>Space Man</i>
Finishing Position	2nd place in the Grand Final

Eurovision 2023 Facts & Figures:

Who'll be performing:

37 countries in total, three fewer than 2022 following the withdrawals of Bulgaria, Montenegro, and North Macedonia:

Solo Female (13): Armenia, Estonia, France, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

Solo Male (10): Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Italy, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Switzerland

Duos (4): Austria, Azerbaijan, the Netherlands, Ukraine

Groups and Collaborations (10): Albania, Australia, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Malta, San Marino, Slovenia

How they were chosen:

National Final (25): Albania, Belgium, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy*, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine

(*- The winner of Italy's *San Remo Festival* is given first right of refusal for the ticket to Eurovision. This year, the winner accepted the invitation.)

Partial National Final (1): Georgia

(Georgia's singer was selected through *The Voice of Georgia*, but her song was internally composed for her.)

Internal Selection (11): Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, France, Greece, Israel, the Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom

What language will the song be performed in?

English (19): Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Primarily in English, a few words or phrases in other languages (4): Austria, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania

No English (9): Albania, Croatia, Finland, France, Italy, Portugal, Moldova, Slovenia, Spain

Bilingual/Multilingual (5): Armenia, Czechia, Romania, Serbia, Ukraine

How many have had previous involvement with Eurovision?

Belgium: Gustaph has worked as a backing vocalist for both Sennek in 2018 and Hooverphonic in 2021.

Italy: Marco Mengoni returns to Eurovision after his 2013 entry with *L'essenziale*, which came in seventh place.

Lithuania: Returning to Eurovision as a soloist, Monika Linkytė came in 18th place with the song *This Time*, a duet with Vaidas Baumila.

Moldova: Pasha Parfeni represented Moldova in 2012 with the eleventh-placed song *Lăutar*, and returned the following year as a songwriter and backing singer for Aliona Moon.

Sweden: Loreen lifted the 2012 Eurovision trophy with her song *Euphoria*, and is now returning to see if she can become the contest's second two-time champion after Johnny Logan.

How many have had previous involvement with Junior Eurovision?

Georgia: Iru was one of the five members of the group "Candy", which won Junior Eurovision in 2011 with the song *Candy Music*.

Lithuania: Monika Linkytė was in the running to represent Lithuania at Junior Eurovision 2007, and came in third place with her song *Vaikystės pasaka*.

How many of this year's artists go by a mononym or pseudonym?

Armenia: Brunette's real name is Elen Yeremyan (Էլեն Երեմյան)

Austria: Teya's real name is Teodora Špirić (and she's also gone by Thea Devy in the past), and Salena's is Selina-Maria Edbauer

Azerbaijan: TuralTuranX is the combined artistic name for twins Tural and Turan Bağmanov.

Belgium: Gustaph's real name is Stef Caers, but his early work was released under the name Steffen.

Denmark: Reiley's real name is Rani Petersen.

Estonia: Alike's full name is Alike Milova.

Georgia: Iru's full name is Irina Khechanovi (ირინა ხეჩანოვი)

Greece: Victor Vernicos's full name is Victor Vernicos Jørgensen (Βικτώρ Βερνίκος Γιούργενσεν).

Finland: Käärijä's real name is Jere Pöyhönen.

France: La Zarra's real name is Fatima-Zahra Hafdi.

Iceland: Diljá's full name is Diljá Pétursdóttir.

Israel: Noa Kirel's legal name is Noa Kirel (נועה קירל), but she was actually born "Noya" Kirel and had her name changed in infancy.

Moldova: Pasha Parfeni's real first name is Pavel, but "Pasha" is a standard nickname.

Netherlands: Mia Nicolai's real name is Michaja Nicolaï, and Dion Cooper's is the similarly pronounced Dion Cuiper.

Norway: Alessandra's full name is Alessandra Wattle Mele.

Poland: Blanka's full name is Blanka Stajkow.

Portugal: Mimicat's real name is Marisa Isabel Lopes Mena, and she had released earlier music under the name Izamena.

San Marino: All of the members of Piqued Jacks perform under stage names. Vocalist Andrea Lazeretti goes by "E-King", bassist Francesco Bini goes by "littleladle", drummer Tommaso Oliveri goes by "HolyHargot", and guitarist Marco Sgaramella goes by "Majic-O". Former members have included "Penguinsane" and "ThEd0g".

Serbia: Luke Black's real name is Luka Ivanović (Лука Ивановић).

Spain: Blanca Paloma's full name is Blanca Paloma Ramos Baeza.

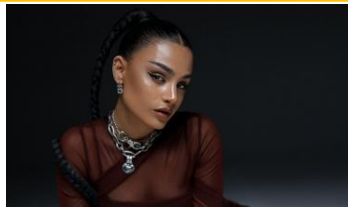
Sweden: Loreen's real name is Lorine Zineb Nora Talhaoui.

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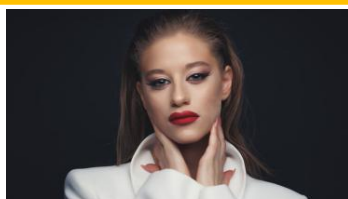
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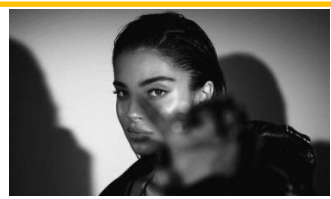
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United Kingdom
Mae Muller -
I Wrote a Song

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Country	Artist	Song	Key	Bpm
Albania	Albina & Familja Kelmendi	<i>Duje</i>	D minor	110 bpm
Armenia	Brunette	<i>Future Lover</i>	D minor	103 bpm
Australia	Voyager	<i>Promise</i>	C major	122 bpm
Austria	Teya & Salena	<i>Who the Hell is Edgar?</i>	B minor	146 bpm
Azerbaijan	TuralTuranX	<i>Tell Me More</i>	D major	96 bpm
Belgium	Gustaph	<i>Because of You</i>	F minor	127 bpm
Croatia	Let 3	<i>Mama ŠĆ!</i>	C major	135 bpm
Cyprus	Andrew Lambrou	<i>Break a Broken Heart</i>	D# minor	130 bpm
Czechia	Vesna	<i>My Sister's Crown</i>	E minor	150 bpm
Denmark	Reiley	<i>Breaking My Heart</i>	D major	194 bpm
Estonia	Alika	<i>Bridges</i>	C minor	140 bpm
Finland	Käärjä	<i>Cha Cha Cha</i>	D major	155 bpm
France	La Zarra	<i>Évidemment</i>	B major	120 bpm
Georgia	Iru	<i>Echo</i>	G minor	245 bpm
Germany	Lord of the Lost	<i>Blood & Glitter</i>	A minor	139 bpm
Greece	Victor Vernicos	<i>What They Say</i>	C major	154 bpm
Iceland	Diljá	<i>Power</i>	F minor	160 bpm
Ireland	Wild Youth	<i>We Are One</i>	D major	112 bpm
Israel	Noa Kirel	<i>Unicorn</i>	F# minor	130 bpm
Italy	Marco Mengoni	<i>Due Vite</i>	D major	117 bpm
Latvia	Sudden Lights	<i>Aijā</i>	A minor	160 bpm
Lithuania	Monika Linkytė	<i>Stay</i>	B major	98 bpm
Malta	The Busker	<i>Dance (Our Own Party)</i>	F minor	103 bpm
Moldova	Pasha Parfeni	<i>Soarele și luna</i>	G# major	125 bpm
Netherlands	Mia Nicolai & Dion Cooper	<i>Burning Daylight</i>	D# major	71 bpm
Norway	Alessandra	<i>Queen of Kings</i>	E minor	126 bpm
Poland	Blanka	<i>Solo</i>	B minor	99 bpm
Portugal	Mimicat	<i>Ai coração</i>	F# minor	145 bpm
Romania	Theodor Andrei	<i>D.G.T. (Off and On)</i>	A minor	10 bpm
San Marino	Piqued Jacks	<i>Like an Animal</i>	C major	128 bpm
Serbia	Luke Black	<i>Samo mi se spava</i>	A major	103 bpm
Slovenia	Joker Out	<i>Carpe Diem</i>	C# minor	132 bpm
Spain	Blanca Paloma	<i>Eaea</i>	F minor	116 bpm
Sweden	Loreen	<i>Tattoo</i>	D# minor	150 bpm
Switzerland	Remo Furrer	<i>Watergun</i>	G# minor	138 bpm
Ukraine	TVORCHI	<i>Heart of Steel</i>	G# minor	78 bpm
United Kingdom	Mae Muller	<i>I Wrote a Song</i>	A minor	125 bpm

(Information sourced from [Musicstax](#). and [SongBPM.com](#))

First Semifinal Running Order

#	Country	Artist	Song
1	Norway	Alessandra	Queen of King
2	Malta	The Busker	Dance (Our Own Party)
3	Serbia	Luke Black	Samo mi se spava
4	Latvia	Sudden Lights	Aijā
5	Portugal	Mimicat	Ai coração
6	Ireland	Wild Youth	We Are One
7	Croatia	Let 3	Mama ŠĆ!
8	Switzerland	Remo Forrer	Watergun
9	Israel	Noa Kirel	Unicorn
10	Moldova	Pasha Parfeni	Soarele și luna
11	Sweden	Loreen	Tattoo
12	Azerbaijan	TuralTuranX	Tell Me More
13	Czechia	Vesna	My Sister's Crown
14	Netherlands	Mia Nicolai & Dion Cooper	Burning Daylight
15	Finland	Käärijä	Cha Cha Cha

Second Semifinal Running Order

#	Country	Artist	Song
1	Denmark	Reiley	Breaking My Heart
2	Armenia	Brunette	Future Lover
3	Romania	Theodor Andrei	D.G.T. (Off and On)
4	Estonia	Alika	Bridges
5	Belgium	Gustaph	Because of You
6	Cyprus	Andrew Lambrou	Break a Broken Heart
7	Iceland	Diljá	Power
8	Greece	Victor Vernicos	What They Say
9	Poland	Blanka	Solo
10	Slovenia	Joker Out	Carpe Diem
11	Georgia	Iru	Echo
12	San Marino	Piqued Jacks	Like an Animal
13	Austria	Teya and Salena	Who the Hell is Edgar?
14	Albania	Albina and Familja Kelmendi	Duje
15	Lithuania	Monika Linkytė	Stay
16	Australia	Voyager	Promise

Automatic Qualifiers

#	Country	Artist	Song
tbd	France	La Zarra	Évidemment
tbd	Germany	Lord of the Lost	Blood & Glitter
tbd	Italy	Marco Mengoni	Due Vite
tbd	Spain	Blanca Paloma	Eaea
19	Ukraine	Tvorchi	Heart of Steel
26	United Kingdom	Mae Muller	I Wrote a Song